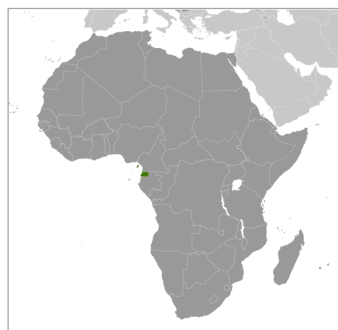


# EQUATORIAL GUINEA



## INTRODUCTION

Equatorial Guinea gained independence in 1968 after 190 years of Spanish rule. It is one of the smallest countries in Africa consisting of a mainland territory and five inhabited islands. The country hosts major regional and international conferences and continues to seek leadership in the region and a greater role in international affairs.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Teodoro OBIANG Nguema Mbasogo

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Francisco Pascual Eyegue OBAMA Asue

### Government Type

presidential republic

### Capital

Malabo

### Legislature

bicameral National Assembly consists of the Senate (70 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies (100 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 28,051 sq km  
Land: 28,051 sq km  
Water: 0 sq km

### Climate

tropical; always hot, humid

### Natural Resources

petroleum, natural gas, timber, gold, bauxite, diamonds, tantalum, sand and gravel, clay

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

growing CEMAC economy and new OPEC member; large oil and gas reserves; targeting economic diversification and poverty reduction; still recovering from CEMAC crisis; improving public financial management; persistent poverty; hard-hit by COVID-19

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$23.86 billion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$17,000 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - petroleum, natural gas, sawmilling

**Agricultural products** - sweet potatoes, cassava, roots/tubers, plantains, oil palm fruit, bananas, coconuts, coffee, cocoa, eggs

**Exports** \$8.776 billion (2019 est.)

crude petroleum, natural gas, industrial alcohols, lumber, veneer sheeting (2019)

**partners:** China 34%, India 19%, Spain 11%, US 7% (2019)

**Imports** \$6.245 billion (2019 est.)

gas turbines, beer, ships, industrial machinery, excavation machinery (2019)

**partners:** US 22%, Spain 19%, China 12%, UK 6%, UAE 5% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

857,010 (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

2.29% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Fang 85.7 %, Bubi 6.5%,  
Mdowe 3.6%, Annabon  
1.6%, Bujeba 1.1%, other 1.4% (1994 census)

### Language

Spanish (official) 67.6%, other (includes Fang, bubi, Portuguese (official), French (official)) 32.4% (1994 census)

### Religion

nominally Christian and predominantly Roman Catholic, Muslim, Baha'i, animist, indigenous

### Urbanization

urban population: 73.6% of total population (2021)

rate of urbanization: 3.62% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

